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H. R. 900

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue certificates of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in coastwise trade for each of 2 vessels named GALLANT LADY, subject to certain conditions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 1995

Mrs. FOWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. VESSEL DOCUMENTATION.**

4 (a) AUTHORITY TO DOCUMENT VESSELS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 27
6 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C.
7 883), the Act of June 19, 1886 (46 App. U.S.C.

289), and section 12106 of title 46, United States Code, and subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for each of the vessels—

(A) GALLANT LADY (Feadship hull number 645, approximately 130 feet in length); and

(B) GALLANT LADY (Feadship hull number 651, approximately 172 feet in length).

(2) LIMITATION ON OPERATION.—Coastwise trade authorized under a certificate of documentation issued for a vessel under this section shall be limited to carriage of passengers in association with contributions to charitable organizations no portion of which is received, directly or indirectly, by the owner of the vessel.

(3) CONDITION.—The Secretary may not issue any certificate of documentation under paragraph (1) unless the owner of the vessel referred to in paragraph (1)(B) (in this section referred to as the “owner”), within 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, submits to the Secretary a letter expressing the intent of the owner to enter into a contract before April 1, 1997, for construction in

1 the United States of a passenger vessel of at least
2 130 feet in length.

3 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTIFICATES.—A
4 certificate of documentation issued under paragraph
5 (1)—

6 (A) for the vessel referred to in paragraph
7 (1)(A), shall take effect on the date of the issu-
8 ance of the certificate; and

9 (B) for the vessel referred to in paragraph
10 (1)(B), shall take effect on the date of delivery
11 of the vessel to the owner.

12 (b) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTIFI-
13 CATES.—A certificate of documentation issued for a vessel
14 under subsection (a)(1) shall expire—

15 (1) on the date of the sale of the vessel by the
16 owner;

17 (2) on April 1, 1997, if the owner has not en-
18 tered into a contract for construction of a vessel in
19 accordance with the letter of intent submitted to the
20 Secretary under subsection (a)(3); and

21 (3) on any date on which such a contract is
22 breached, rescinded, or terminated (other than for
23 completion of performance of the contract) by the
24 owner.

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